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In the absence of Mr. Arguello (Argentina), Mr. Cujba (Republic of Moldova), Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Agenda item 31: Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (*continued*) (A/63/19; A/C.4/63/L.20)

1. **The Chairman** recalled that the Committee had held a general debate on agenda item 31, entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects", in November 2007 during the main part of the General Assembly's sixty-third session. Furthermore, the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations had held its 2009 session from 23 February to 20 March and had adopted its report on that session (A/63/19). Lastly, he drew attention to the draft resolution submitted under the item (A/C.4/63/L.20).

2. **Mr. El-Sherbini** (Egypt), speaking as Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, introduced the report of that Committee (A/63/19). During its general debate, the Special Committee had heard statements by the Under-Secretaries-General for Peacekeeping Operations and for Field Support, the Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission, the Officer-in-Charge of the Peacebuilding Support Office, and the Chairman of the African Union-United Nations panel on modalities for support to African Union peacekeeping operations.

3. The Working Group of the Special Committee had met from 25 to 27 February and from 9 to 20 March 2009 to discuss and finalize the draft recommendations. The proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee, contained in paragraphs 16 to 180 of the report, covered the following areas: guiding principles, definition and implementation of mandates; restructuring of peacekeeping; safety and security; conduct and discipline; strengthening operational capacity; strategies for complex peacekeeping operations; cooperation with troop-contributing countries; cooperation with regional arrangements; enhancement of African peacekeeping capacities; best practices; training; personnel; financial issues; and other matters.

4. The membership of the Special Committee had increased in 2009 to 144 members, with 14 States and organizations participating in the session as observers.

5. Introducing draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.20, entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects", he noted that the text was based on those adopted in recent years. Under the draft resolution, the General Assembly would endorse the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee, contained in paragraphs 16 to 180 of its report, and would urge Member States, the Secretariat and relevant organs of the United Nations to take all necessary steps to implement them.

Draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.20, Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

6. **The Chairman** said that draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.20 had no programme budget implications.

7. *Draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.20 was adopted.*

The meeting rose at 10.20 a.m.